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Running for Office

Article by Chelsea Ruda, State Parliamentarian



In high school, there are hundreds of ways to be involved. With clubs, athletics, and music, there is a path for everyone. For some, FBLA is that path. If you are one of these people, and are thinking about becoming even more involved in this amazing organization, running for office is a great idea. Not only will you be able to travel and lead hundreds of students, you will be able to meet many people and establish lasting friendships. The state of Wisconsin offers 12 leadership positions. These include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Parliamentarian, and six Region Vice Presidents.

If you are interested, go online and visit Wisconsin's State FBLA page at <http://dpi.wi.gov/fbla/>. All of the necessary paperwork can be found on this website including due dates. The application can be found on the main site under resources. Please note that the Regional candidate applications are due on December 15 while the other office position applications are due January 8. Beyond these applications, other declarations and worksheets are due but all are available on the website. Also, be prepared for a short interview at your Regional competition.

If you are at all interested in running for office, I urge you to fill out the paperwork. As your current State Parliamentarian, I can honestly say choosing to run has been simply the best decision I have made in high school. If you have any questions about running for office, you can contact me, Chelsea Ruda, at wifblaparliamentarian@gmail.com.

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town..."

Article by McKenzie Baecker, State Vice President



As Christmas time is coming, it is time to start thinking about what you can do to make the holiday season a little more cheerful. I can remember when I was in first grade, and at Christmas time, we wrote letters to Santa and he responded! It wasn't until I got into junior high school, and

became involved with FBLA, that I realized that it was our FBLA chapter that responded to the letters that the first grade wrote.

Your first step is to talk to the elementary teacher to make sure that it is appropriate for their students to participate in the activity. After you get it approved by them, an elementary class of your choice can write letters to Santa telling him what they want for Christmas. The teacher then collects all of the letters and gives them to your FBLA adviser which can then distribute them among the members to respond. The easiest way to respond is to form a committee and develop a basic letter to respond. However, it is always nice to personalize each of the letters to directly respond to what they wrote.

Once all of the letters are responded to, the most fun part of the project is delivering the letters. You can choose one man to dress up as Santa and then have about three or four girls dress up as elves. You can then take all of the letters down to the elementary classroom with a treat such as candy canes.

This project is a great way to get involved in your school and to connect with the elementary students. Especially around Christmas time, everyone could use a little extra something to brighten up their day, and by doing this project, you have the ability to do that for elementary students.

Attention Senior FBLA Members!!!

Article by Larissa Jo Speerstra, State President



Many of you have probably been busy visiting and applying to colleges, searching for scholarships and filling out forms. Wisconsin FBLA can make your job a little easier. This year, Wisconsin FBLA will continue to offer two scholarships: the Lorraine Missling and the Kevin P. Colling Scholarships. To be eligible, you must be a senior in high school, be enrolled in FBLA, and have a serious interest in pursuing a degree in business or a business related field.

The forms are easy to fill-out - you just need to include your FBLA involvements and business courses taken throughout high school. The Colling Scholarship also requires a brief essay. Both scholarships ask for a recommendation from your adviser. Only one person from each local chapter may apply for each scholarship, so be sure to ask your adviser what you have to do to be selected.

To get all of the details for these scholarships and to begin applying, click [here](#). Also feel free to visit the scholarship page on the FBLA National Website for more scholarships.

Application forms must be received by January 15, 2010.

Why Job Shadow?

Article by Chelsea Ruda, State Parliamentarian



As high school students, our lives are consumed with homework, sports, music, after school clubs, and jobs. The small amount of free time that we do have is spent catching up with friends. High school passes quickly and senior year requires you to make many crucial decisions about your future. I have discovered the importance and benefit of going on job shadows and I encourage you to do the same.

Recently, I shadowed an optometrist in a local practice. I gained so much from this experience although it only lasted three hours. I was able to ask questions about this career to better narrow down my interests. Going into the shadow, I was really unsure about what I wanted to focus my attention on in college. However, after this experience, I can see myself becoming a member of the health care field, possibly even optometry. Job shadows allow you to not only learn about a specific profession, but give you the first hand experience necessary to help you understand if that career is really fit for you.

With this, I challenge you to complete a job shadow in your community. Many high school counselors will help arrange for you to shadow a business so I encourage you to check this out. Specifically, during FBLA Week in February, I hope you will consider taking part in Take Your FBLA Member to Work Day. Job shadows are an essential part of the decision process for college and the future and are an easy way to get experience in the real world.

Regional I Update

Article by Johanna Smith, Region I Vice President



The Region I Leadership Conference will be held February 6, 2010. The conference will be held at Somerset High School. All Region I FBLA chapters should have received their fall regional newsletter and should have sent an email to confirm contact information. All chapters should be reminded to begin preparing and choosing competitive events. Event registration will begin December 7 and end December 18. The Region I Leadership Conference is being planned and a tentative outline has been set. Lunch will be submarine sandwiches from Subway.

There will be two different entertaining contests available at the Region I Leadership Conference. Chapters will be competing for the nametag contest. Each chapter will design and create their nametags which represent their chapter and prominently display their FBLA and school spirit. The winning chapter will receive a prize. The second challenge is a pi memorization contest. Students should prepare for this contest before the conference date by memorizing as many digits of pi as possible. At the Regional Conference, students will compete to recite the most digits of pi correctly as possible. The winning student will receive a homemade pie!

If there are any questions about the additional challenges or the procedure of the Region I Leadership Conference, please do not hesitate to email the Region I Vice President, Johanna Smith, at wifblaregion1vp@gmail.com. Also, remember that applications to become the next Region I Vice President are due by December 15!

Region II Update

Article by Ann Reetz, Region II Vice President



Hello Region II. I am very excited as Regionals seem to be right around the corner. Planning is well underway and I am steadily getting everything in check for February 6th. Look forward to a December newsletter with all sorts of reminders and dates to know. I look forward to seeing you all at Regionals!

Region III Update

Article by Kyle Ashauer, Region III Vice President



Region III, thank you for making a proud showing at the Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference last month at Chula Vista! The officer team and I hope you had a great time, as I know that we did.

As a reminder, registration is this month for the RLC. Remember, this year's Region III Leadership Conference is at Xavier High School in Appleton on February 6, 2010. Make sure that you choose your competitive events

soon, as there isn't much time left.

We are working on regionals right now, and we might even have a magician for you! Nothing is set in stone, but that's always a possibility!

I hope to see everyone there next February to see who is Simply the Best and advances to the SLC next April.

Region IV Update

Article by Shannon Heller, Region IV Vice President



Region IV has been very busy this fall. In October, many of our newer members attended the Fall Leadership Labs in Eau Claire and Madison. We had a great time meeting new people and improving our leadership skills. Recently, many of our members attended the Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells from November 2-3, 2009. We had a lot of fun learning a new dance from our keynote speaker Eddie Slowikowski and attending the many different breakout sessions provided by Eddie, your state officers, and many advisers.

This year's Regional Leadership Conference will be held Saturday, February 6 at Lincoln High School in Alma Center. A reminder to all advisers and members that December 7-18 is the RLC Registration Window, and December 15 is the deadline for all Regional Vice President Applications. More information regarding these two dates can be found on the state FBLA website. I wish you all good luck preparing for your events, and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Regional Leadership Conference at Lincoln High School in Alma Center. It will be Simply the Best!

Region V Update

Article by Jenny Nash, Region V Vice President



Region V would like to welcome its two new chapters, Campbellsport High School and Horicon High School. Also, planning for regionals is underway. We will be serving Dominos for lunch and are currently looking into different forms of entertainment. Fond du Lac High School looks forward to hosting and seeing all of you in February.

Region VI Update

Article by Laura Shoenike, Region VI Vice President



Thus far, Region VI has had a very successful start to our FBLA year. In August, many local officer teams attended the Local Chapter Officer Training, where participants gained ideas and knowledge for preparing their individual chapters' plans for the year. More recently, members and advisers attended the Fall Leadership Labs and the Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference. Both of these opportunities provided members with a wide variety of sessions to attend that strengthened their leadership skills and involvement in FBLA.

The fall edition of the "Region VI Newsletter" was recently sent out to all schools. Items discussed include new chapter information, Professional Division information, upcoming dates, and other topics. Please review this document and make note of the dates and events that apply to you and your chapter.

In terms of upcoming events, plans for the Regional Leadership Conference at Oconomowoc High School are well underway. Special points of interest include a Monopoly tournament as well as entertainment by Comedy Sportz. Registration for this event opens on December 7 and closes on December 18, 2009. Please be sure to sign up to compete within this window to help make your 2009-2010 FBLA experience "Simply the Best!"

WFLC In Review

Article by Sarah Rivord, State Reporter



The Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference was held in Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista Resort. Eddie Slowikowski was our exciting keynote speaker. He gave everyone that attended a great base to build our business and networking future. In addition, members that attended learned more about the Business Achievement Awards through workshops the officers presented.

The Wisconsin Fall Leadership Conference was a conference with a lot of great people, at a great facility, and a lot of fun. I hope everyone that attended enjoyed it as much as I know the officer team did. Luckily, if you missed it, we will be in Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista Resort again for the State Leadership Conference, so work hard, study hard, and prepare yourself for the great FBLA year to come. It's bound to be "Simply the Best."

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